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Jackson Madison County Branch

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Capps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Allwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As President of the Jackson-Madison County NAACP, I am writing today to urge you to support AT&T's recently announced merger with T-Mobile.

Throughout Tennessee, the NAACP continues to be a leading voice in addressing local, state and national issues facing our African American, Hispanic and other minority communities. We believe that all people deserve equal rights and improved opportunities. In accordance with this belief, I am convinced that AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile offers a number of beneficial opportunities for dynamic community development within historically under-represented communities in Tennessee.

It is of vital importance to the NAACP for our constituents and communities to have reliable mobile networks. The demand for reliable communication networks never ceases, and the development of a modern mobile infrastructure is of the utmost importance. I believe that the AT&T/T-Mobile merger is an important and vital step toward this growing need.

Many areas in our state still need access to broadband technology, especially low-income and minority communities. This merger will expedite the deployment of these services to all areas of our state, meaning all Tennesseans will have the capability to grow their qualities of life and benefit from the numerous and varied advances wireless service affords.

I sincerely hope you join the Jackson-Madison County NAACP in recognizing these potentially broad and positive community impacts from the announced merger and support AT&T and T-Mobile throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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